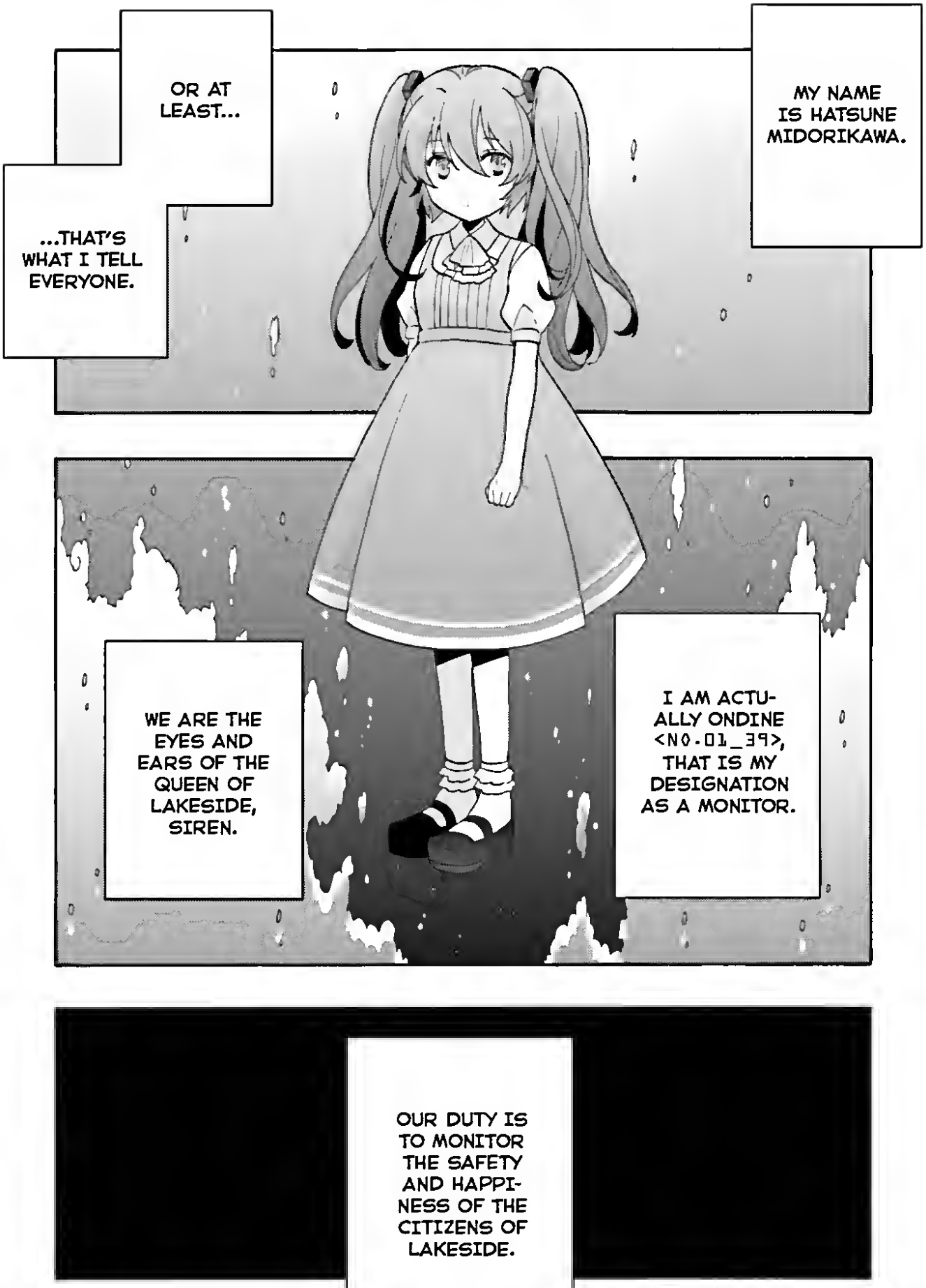
OR AT LEAST...
...THAT'S WHAT I TELL EVERYONE.
MY NAME IS HATSUNE MIDORIKAWA.
WE ARE THE EYES AND EARS OF THE QUEEN OF LAKESIDE, SIREN.
I AM ACTUALLY ONDINE <N0-01_39>, THAT IS MY DESIGNATION AS A MONITOR.
OUR DUTY IS TO MONITOR THE SAFETY AND HAPPINESS OF THE CITIZENS OF LAKESIDE.

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TODAY...
...I AM TAKING ON A SPECIAL DUTY.
IT IS MY IMPORTANT DUTY TO FIND UNSALVAGEABLE, INCREDIBLY EVIL, UN-HAPPINESS DISSIDENTS...
...AND DESTROY THEM.
THOUGH...
...I AM IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT JOB...

...I AM CONCERNED WITH THIS BOY WHO GOES TO MY SCHOOL...
...LEN KINAMI.

THOUGH HE SEEMS LIKE A COLD BOY...
...I KNOW THE TRUTH.
REALLY, HE IS DIF-FERENT.
SCREECH
SQUEEZE
!
PUSH

REALLY...
HEY, OLD MAN.
YOU'RE REALLY IN THE WAY.
YOU'RE A GROWN-UP, SHOULDN'T YOU BE HOLDING THE STRAP WITH BOTH HANDS?
...!
部下から好かれる311の方法
...YEAH, OLD MAN, THAT BOOK YOU'VE GOT?
KIND OF POINT-LESS.
30 WAYS TO BE ADORED BY YOUR UNDERLINGS

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO IT...
...YOU GOTTA START LOOKING AT WHAT YOU DO IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
WHAT?!
WASTE OF TIME.
"30 WAYS TO BE ADORED BY YOUR UNDERLINGS"?
THAT IT?

WHAT, WERE YOU RAISED IN A BARN?
YOUR PARENTS MUST BE PIECES OF WORK...
.....
DID NO ONE EVER TEACH YOU HOW TO SPEAK TO YOUR ELDERS?

YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THAT CLASS TOO. YOUR TASTES ARE THE SAME AS YOUR FATHER'S.
BUT WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT...
...YOU MESSED AROUND TOO MUCH, AND ACTED LIKE A DROP-OUT.
YOUR PARENTS MUST BE UPPER-MIDDLE CLASS.
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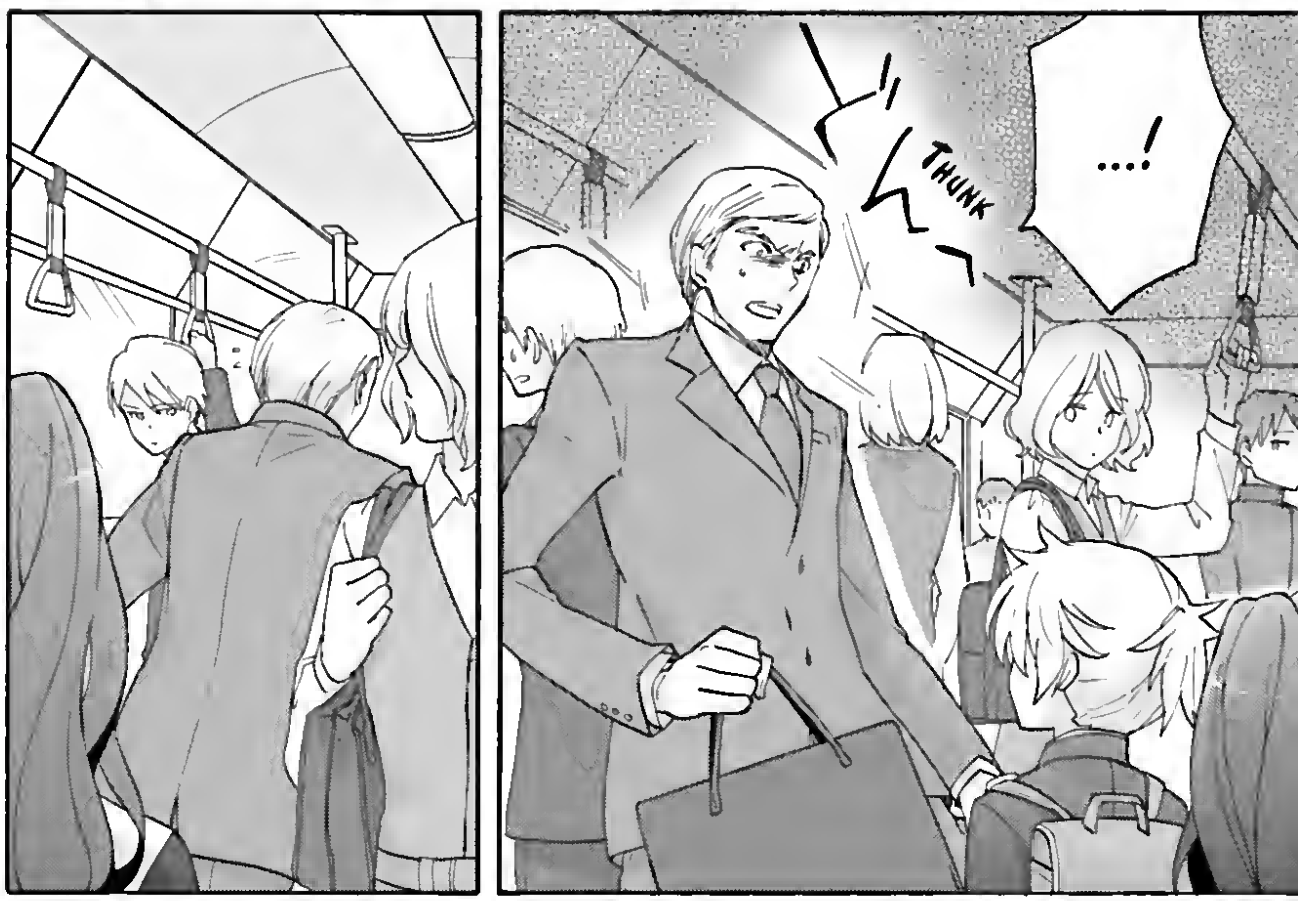
GASP
AND NOW YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE...
...YOUR WORKPLACE SUITS YOU.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DOG AT ALL. YOU WERE SCREAMING AT HIM THIS MORNING TOO.

HOW COULD YOU...
...KNOW THOSE THINGS?
WH--
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
...THEY DON'T MATCH YOUR HIGH-PRICED SELF-IMAGE AT ALL.
ALSO, YOUR SHOES ARE MADE OF CHEAP LEATHER...
...BUT IT'S IN DISREPAIR, AND COVERED IN SCRATCHES.
THE ANALOG WATCH ON YOUR WRIST IS FAIRLY HIGH-QUALITY...
SO THE WATCH WAS PROBABLY A PRESENT FROM YOUR PARENTS.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY TAKE CARE OF IT, DO YOU?

YOU HAVE A THICK, PAPER BOOK, NOT THE DIGITAL EDITION, OUT FOR ALL TO SEE...
...AND THE COVER IS SCRATCHED AND WORN.
.....
YOUR SHOES LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN CHEWED.
THE TOOTH MARKS LOOK TO BE FROM A SMALL DOG?
...!
THE SCRATCHES ON THE BOOK ARE PROBABLY FROM HIM TOO.
BECAUSE OF ALL THAT...
...YOU'VE BEEN IN A BAD MOOD SINCE YOU GOT UP THIS MORNING.
SO?
WAS I RIGHT?
LEN...
...IS AMAZING.
GH...

KATHUNK
!
VROOM
COME ON, GRAB ONTO THE STRAP ALREADY.
YOU'RE MAKING THINGS HARDER FOR LITTLE KIDS LIKE US
AND WHAT'S WITH THE BOOK ON BEING LIKED BY YOUR UNDERLINGS?
HOW-TO BOOKS ARE JUST FOR MAKING YOURSELF FEEL BETTER, AREN'T THEY?
OH...
I GET IT.

OLD MAN...
ARE YOU DISCONTENT AND DISSATISFIED?
ARE YOU UNHAPPY...?
IN THAT CASE...
...SHOULD I GET OFF AT THE NEXT STATION AND REPORT YOU TO THE HAPPINESS AND PEACE OF MIND COMMITTEE?


...!
THUNK

OH, LEN...
HE'D ACT LIKE THIS WITH JUST ABOUT ANYONE.
THOUGH IT DOESN'T REALLY SEEM LIKE HE ENJOYS...
...CORNERING PEOPLE.
BUT...
...HE DID...
...PROTECT ME.
UM... LEN?
UHH.
TH-THANKS.
WHAT-EVER.
I JUST TOLD HIM THE TRUTH.
O...
OKAY.

BUT...
I THINK...
...MAYBE...
LEN IS...
...EVEN BLUNT WITH ME, ALL THE TIME.
I REALLY...
...LIKE HIM.
...I LIKE LEN.

BUT I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS.
I WAS GIVEN A FALSE NAME...
...A FALSE FAMILY.
I RAN INTO LEN COINCI-DENTALLY.
HOW LONG HAVE I FELT THIS WAY?

I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT HIM TO THINK OF ME AS A CLOSE FRIEND...
...IS OUR ROUTE TO SCHOOL.
...THE ONLY THING WE'VE HAD IN COMMON...
AND SINCE THEN...
I LEARNED THAT FROM THE ONDINES'S WHISPERS ON SIREN NET...
...IT SEEMS LIKE THESE SORTS OF FEELINGS ARE VERY UNUSUAL.
AMONG THE MONITORS, THE ONDINES...
...A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO ME.
...PAY...
...OR JUST...

IF AN ERROR IS REVEALED, THE MONITORS ARE DESTROYED.
SO I CAN'T MENTION THIS TO ANYONE.
AND BESIDES...
...WHAT IF THESE FEELINGS ARE—
GASP
UNHAPPINESS DISSIDENTS EXECUTION TIME.

It is your duty to be happy.
It is your duty to be happy.
It is your duty to be happy.
IT IS YOUR DUTY...
...TO BE HAPPY.
It is your duty to be happy.

WHEN IT'S UNHAPPY CITIZEN EXECUTION TIME...
...THEY BROADCAST HAPPINESS COMMER-CIALS.
AND EVERY-ONE STOPS CARING ABOUT ANY-THING.
THEY STOP CARING WHO'S BEING EXECUTED.
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT THEM, WHAT'S THE POINT OF WORRY-ING?
THAT'S WHAT SIREN'S SINGING VOICE DOES.

GOTHIC IS THE ALL-PURPOSE CELL PHONE TERMINAL ISSUED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE HAPPINESS AND PEACE OF MIND COMMITTE.
IT CAN PRODUCE ANY EXECUTION TOOL, AND TRANSMIT TO OR CONTROL ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICE IN THE CITY-STATE.
AND IT'S TIME FOR ONDINES TO WORK.
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SWIP
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY JUDGMENT...
...SO THERE IS NO TIME TO ALLOW HIM THE HONOR OF CHOOSING HIS OWN FREE EXECUTION.
* HANGING
* SHOOTING
NOW...
...IT'S TIME TO PURGE.

FLUTTER
ゆら～
SHOOP
KACHK

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO REMEMBER WHAT IT IS THAT I DO DURING THIS TIME.
THE POWER OF THE QUEEN'S SONG...
...MAKES EVERYONE TOTALLY PEACEFUL AND ABSENT-MINDED.
...IS NO EXCEPTION.
AND OF COURSE...
...EVEN LEN...
SO I CAN...

SPLSH
BLAM
It is your duty to be ♪ happy.
...CALMLY PERFORM...
...MY EXECUTION DUTY.
It is your duty to be ♪ happy.
It is your duty to be ♪ happy.

GASP
Are you happy?
JUST...
...MY IMAG-INATION.
It's your duty, you know!